

6 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Technical Plans & Development Staff *JWC*
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THROUGH: Acting Chief, Technical Development Branch *MWIK*
SUBJECT: [] Claim to Invention of a Viewer Developed by FMA
During the Execution of Contract []

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1. The question of [] patent rights arose as a result of their execution of contract [], and their demonstration of a real image viewer during the period of contract execution.

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2. To record the situation for history, [] were producing a PI Group Viewing Study under Contract [] and as a part of the Study were investigating rear projection techniques. It became evident during the work that a serious limitation was the quality of existing screen materials. Discussions between NPIC personnel and [] personnel centered on this aspect and as a result, [] expounded their ideas for overcoming the difficulty. I do not think NPIC personnel actually outlined the approach and it is my belief that [] produced their answer to the problem, namely the real image viewer, using their own time and money. The fact that the production of the viewer was coincident with their work on contract [] does not necessarily indicate that it was produced as a part of the contract.

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3. On instructions I contacted [] and he gave me a copy of his invention disclosure 112-1 attached. This was filed in behalf of the Government and although not identical with the [] viewer, represents a close approximation to the [] device and gives the US Government a royalty free right to [] invention.

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4. Under the circumstances I very much doubt if [] would have claim to the patent rights in question, and in any case I do not think we would have ground to claim that the [] idea was ours in the first place. I can see no objection to finalizing the [] contract as any requirement we may have for such a viewer seems well covered in [] claim.

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